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CLAIMS

An adduct comprising MgCl₂, ethanol and Lewis base (LB) different from water, said compounds—being present in molar ratios defined by the following formula MgCl₂•(EtOH)_n(LB)_p in which n is from 2 to 6 and p has values satisfying the following equation p/(n+p)≤0.1.

- 2. The adduct according to claim 1 in which p has values satisfying the following equation $p/(n+p) \le 0.0125$.
- 3. The adduct according to claim 1 in which the LB is selected from ethers, esters, and compounds of formula RX_m where R is a hydrocarbon group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms X is a -NH₂, a -NHR or -OH group and m is 1 or higher.
- 4. The adduct of claim 3 in which the compound RX_m is selected from the group consisting of methanol, propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, sec-butanol, tert-butanol, pentanol, 2-methyl-1-pentanol, 2-ethyl-1-hexanol, phenol, 4-methyl-1-phenol, 2,6-dimethyl-1-phenol, cyclohexanol, cyclopentanol, ethylen glycol, propylen glycol, 4-butanediol, glycerine, mannitol, polyvinyl-alcohol, acetonitrile, ethylenediammine, 3-picoline, triethanolammine, triethylammine, diisopropylammine.
- 5. The adduct according to claim 1 having a fusion enthalpy lower than 100 J/g.
- 6. A catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins comprising the product of the reaction between a transition metal compound and an adduct according to anyone of the preceding claims.
- 7. A catalyst component according to claim 6 in which the transition metal is selected among titanium compounds of formula Ti(OR)_nX_{y-n} in which n is comprised between 0 and y; y is the valence of titanium; X is halogen and R is an alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms or a COR group.
- 8. A catalyst component according to claim 7 in which the titanium compound is selected among TiCl₃, TiCl₄, Ti(OBu)₄, Ti(OBu)_{Cl₃}, Ti(OBu)₂Cl₂, Ti(OBu)₃Cl.
- 9. A catalyst component according to claim 10 in which the reaction between the transition metal compound and the adduct is carried out in the presence of an electron donor compound.
- 10. A catalyst component according to claim 13 in which the electron donor is selected from esters, ethers, amines, and ketones.
- 11. Catalyst for the polymerization of olefins comprising the product of the reaction between a catalyst component according to one of the claims 7 to 10, and an aluminum alkyl compound.

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12. Process for the polymerization of olefins of formula CH₂=CHR, in which R is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical having 1-12 carbon atoms, carried out in the presence of the catalyst according to claim 11.